THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.

SPIRITUALISM.

MRS. EFFIE McNEIL, business and test medium, has resumed practice for the fall and winter and will be at home cally until further notice. Business examinations a specialty and satisfaction guaranteed. 1914 Pa. ave. ju4-24t*

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A new edition in preparation. Orders solicited for early delivery. Invaluable to Real Estate Agents. H. L. McQUEEN, 1108-1116 E st.n.w. ja18 WASHINGTON, D.C., January 17, 1896. WASHINGTON, D.C., January 17, 1896.
The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Washington Gas Light Company, for the election of directors, will be held at the office of the company, 415 10th st. n.w., MONDAY, February 3, 1896. The poils will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p.m. jai7tofeline WILLIAM B. ORME, Secy.

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MR. HEWLETT ANGRY. He is Fined Today for Contempt of

Court.

Witnesses who have appeared in the Police Court have often been obliged to ask the protection of the court from statements and accusations made by attorneys, and today one witness was given protection by Judge Miller, who fined Mr. Emanuel M. Hewlett, colored, \$10 for contempt and then permitted him to appear in cases before he purged himself of the contempt. A young man named William Carter was charged with the theft of \$1.50 from Hezekiah S. Waple, in whose employ he

Mr. Waple went on the stand as a witness and related his story of the alleged theft, which was decidedly against Carter. and as he left the stand and started to-ward a seat Mr. Hewlett, shaking his finger at him, said: "That's a deliberate falseheod, sir, and you know it."

Mr. Mullowny, the prosecuting attorney, said he felt it his duty to call upon the court for protection for the witness. He repeated the language mentioned, which Mr. Hewiett denied having used.

Mr. Mullowny insisted that he had used the language, and a number of jurors who appeared greatly incersed at the attack made on Mr. Waple arose and declared that they heard the language repeated by the prosecutor.
The court thereupon fined Mr. Hewlett

\$10 for contempt and the case proceeded Carter was acquitted. A few minutes later when Mr. Hewlett was defending another case he had another tilt. This time he objected to Mr. Mullowny asking an alleged leading question, and thinking the court was not giving his objection the proper consideration, he an-

nounced that he would take the matter in When court was over the \$10 fine was paid, and Mr. Hewlett explained to a Star reporter that by taking the matter in his

own hands he means he will knock somebody down and then pay for it.

He Did Not Pay.

Chief Justice Bingham today, upon the motion of Mr. W. Preston Williamson, counsel for Mrs. Catherine Fitzpatrick, ordered the marshal to arrest her husband that was, James Fitzpatrick, for failing to obey an order of the court made on the 18th of this month directing him to pay Mrs. Fitzpatrick the sum of \$150. The parties vere divorced the 2d of this month upon the petition of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, and later he was ordered to pay forthwith to his wife the sum of \$150, and \$15 every three months, as alimony. Unless he obeys the order of the court, Mr. Williamson will ask that he be committed to jail until he

B. L. B. C. Reception.

The B. L. B. C. gave a reception last night at 472 Washington street northwest in honor of its president, Wm. S. Hawkins. The attendance was very large and the evening was greatly enjoyed. The success of the event was due to the efforts of the committee of arrangements, consisting of Miss S. Davis, chairman: Miss B. Brown, Mr. E. E. Williams and Mrs. E. Sharps.

The Maennerchor Ball. mania Maennerchor will be given at the Masonic Temple next Monday evening.

DISTRICT EXPENSES

Figures Agreed Upon by the House Appropriation Committee.

COMPARED WITH THE ESTIMATES

Details of the Bill as Completed for the House.

SALARIES CUT OUT

The report on the District appropriation bill makes the following detailed comparison between the Commissioners' estimates for 1897 and the appropriations carried by the bill:

	OBJECT.	for 1897.	for 1897.
	Salaries:		
	Executive office	\$65,293,50	\$49,889.00
	As sessor's office	39,000.00	
S	Collector's office	17,400.00	
	Auditor's office	18,900.00	
2	Attorney's office	9,600,00	
3	Sinking fund office	3,000,00	
9	Coroner's office	1,800,00	
	Market Source		
8	Market masters	4,260.00	3,860.00
8	Sealer of weights and		
3	measures (in urgent de-	127007007000	1 2 2 3 1 1 2 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
	ficiency act for 1896)	3,940.00	
3	Engineer's office	70,392.00	67,332.00
8	Board of examiners,		Contract Con
8	steam engineers	900.00	900.00
3	Plumbing board	1,500,00	
-	Superintendent of char-	2,000.00	
	* ities	3,840,00	3.840.00
8	Surveyor's office (in sun-	0,010.00	0,010.00
ä	dry civil act for 1896)	10 500 00	10 000 00
S	my civil act for 1896)	12,500.00	10,000.00
5	Miscellaneous:		
9	Contingent expenses, Dis-	*	
2	trict offices	25,000.00	22,500.00
ş	Centingent expenses, sta-		
3	bles, Engineer's dept	5,500.00	
-	Rent of District offices	· 10,000.00	7,000.00
1	Rent of property yards	300.00	300.00
3	Collecting overdue per-	200,000	
-	sonal taxes	1,500,00	1,500.00
1	Judicial expenses	1,000,00	
-1	Contingent expenses, cor-	-,000.00	000 00
1	oner's office	1,000.00	800.00
-1	Morgue		
-	Advertising, general	2,500.00	1,900.00
4	Advertising, potice of	2,000.00	1,300.00
٦	taxas in a second	10 000 00	= 000 00
-	taxes in arrears	10,000.00	7,000.00
-	Preparing arrears of tax-		
-	es on real property	2,000.00	2,000.00
3	Preparing general assess-		
1	ment and numerical	The same of	
1	book	4,000.00	2,000.00
-	Lithographing plats of		
1	subdivisions Georget'n	500,00	346,00
-	Market houses, repairs	2,175,00	
1	Addition to Eastern Mar-	-,110.00	1,000.00
1	ket	1,500.00	
1		1,000.00	
1	Total, salaries and	2000 3 3 40	
	miscellaneous	#991 900 FO	40mm 0mc co
	miscenaneous	\$001,000.00	\$273,670.00
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	Plats of subdivisions	\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00

Extension of highways... \$26,500.00 Assessment and permit work: Alleys, sidewalks and sewers..... \$195,000.00 \$125,000.00 Permit work! Roadways of streets..... \$600,000.00 \$100,000,00 and roa 6.000.00 Repairs to pavements.... Condemnation of streets... 150,000.00 15,000.00 Total, improvements and repairs...... \$771,000.00 \$257,000,00 Sewers: Cleaning and repairing sewers and basins....
Replacing obstructed sewers and for relief sewers Main and pipe sewers...
Rock Creek and B street intercenting sewers. \$50,000.00 \$45,000.00 25,000.00 75,000.00 40,000.00

intercepting sewer... Eckington Valley sewer... Brookland sewer... Kenesaw avenue sewer... Tibe: Creek and New Jersey avenue intercepting sewer. 44,764.00 10,000.00 50,000.00 121,000.00 sewer..... Suburban sewers..... Condemnation of rights of 18,520.00 way.... Automatic flushing tanks. Total, sewers...... \$605,264.00 \$45,000.00 \$30,000.00 curbs, public reservations.
Repairs, county roads...
Construction, county roads
Grading unimproved
streets, roads and alleys
Sprinkling, sweeping and
cleaning...
Removal of snow and lee
from cross-walks...
Parking commission...
Improving District park
in front of Washington
Market.
Lighting, gas or oil curbs, public reserva-184,410,00 146,000.60 10,000.00 1,000.00 Market.
Lighting, gas or oil.....
Lighting, electric.....
Harbor and river front...
Harbor boat, improvem's. 175,000.00 68,500.00 2,120.00 43,600.00 2,600.00 Bathing beach...... New fire, ice and wreck-10,000,00 50,000,00 7,000.00 Public pumps..... Drilling deep wells..... Bridges, care of..... 13,500.00 Total, streets..... \$877,130.00 \$458,800,00 Rock Creek Park...... \$5,000.00

Engineering, maintenance, etc... Protecting inlet aqueduct at Great Falls..... \$21,000.00 \$20,000.00 Inserting valves in mains Total, Washington \$32,250.00 educt..... Public schools: officers.
teachers.
night schools. 734,875.00 6,000.00 8,000.00 Contingent expenses, right schools. For janitors and care of 700.00 500.00 65,726,00 57,731.00 12,500:00 Rent of school buildings... Repairs and improve-ments to buildings.... Tools, etc., for manual training 40,000.00 31,000.00 10,000.00 40,000.00 Fuel Furniture of new build-4,900.00 28,000.00 35,000.00 117,900.00 Total public schools.\$1,306,951.00 \$1,078,556.00 \$553,480.00

Metropolitan police: For salaries Police relief fund defi-33,615.00 Additions to station houses 2.673.00 Total, Metropolitan \$708,418.00 576,730.00 Fire department: increase fire depart-\$140,900.00 Total, fire depart-\$341,446.00 205,600.00 Telegraph and telephone

For salaries..... \$12,720.00 \$10,800.00 13,000.00 \$11,000.00 General supplies..... Extension of fire alarm teleg aph Renewing city lines..... 5,000.00 Special repairs..... Total, telegraph and \$61,110.00 \$26,800.00

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"-DYSPEPTIC.

For instruction of the deaf and dumb..... \$10,500.00 \$10,500.00 For Charities: Relief of the poor..... Municipal Lodging House Temporary Home for ex-Union Soldiers and Sail-\$14.00h oo 2.500.00 ors...
Women's Christian Association...
Central Dispensary and
Emergency Hospital...
Columbia Hospital and
Lying-in Asylum...
Children's Hospital...
National Homeopathic 4,000.00 4,000.00 15,000.00 15,000.00 29,000.00 14,000.00 9,250.00 8,500.00 dinen's Hospital and 56,090.60 55,735.00 6,000.00 6,000.00 Foundlings...... Church Orphanage Asso-1,930.00 1,900.00 German Orphan Asylum... National Association for 11,000.00 6,000.00 t. Ann's Infant Asylum 1.900.00 1,800.00 herd.
St. Rose Industrial School
St. Joseph's Asylum.
Young Women's Christian
Home.
Industrial Home School.
Board of Children's
Guardians.

1,000.00 Hope and Help Mission... Newsboys and Children's Aid Society.... 1,000.00 1,000.00 3,000.00 Total, charities..... \$298,735.00 For the militia of the Dis-trict of Columbia..... \$33,470.00 \$27,025.00 Grand total, exclusive of water departm't.\$7,491,357.47 \$5,225,365.97 Amount payable from United States Treasury.\$3,745,678.73 \$2,612,682.83 Water Department:

\$41,934.00 90,900,00 expenses.... Interest and sinking fund, 44,610.00 nterest on account of in-2,905.73 creased water supply.
Sinking fund on account
of increased water sup-4,448,73 11,761.51 8,087,69 ply... Interest on account of 48-inch and 14th street 7,457.00 7,457.00 48-inch and 14th street 11.836.51 Total, water departm't \$215,047.75 \$192,594.42"

water stock bonds

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Observations taken at S a.m., 75th meridian time. Solid lines are iso bars or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of ar inch. Dotted lines are isotherms or lines of equal 'emperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or

Partly Cloud

Cloudy)

RAIN IN PROSPECT.

areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

It Would Be Well to Carry an Umbrella Tomorrow.

Forecast till 8 p.m. Saturday: For the District of Columbia, Delaware and Maryland, tonight, threatening weather and warmer; Saturday, rain, probably beginning late tonight; northeasterly winds, becoming southwesterly. For Virginia and North Carolina, increas-

ing cloudiness with rain in western portions tonight; Saturday, rain; warmer in western portions tonight; Saturday, warmer; north-Weather conditions and general forecast:
An area of high pressure covers New
England and the Atlantic states, highest
in the Saint Lawrence valley. A second
area of high pressure covers the Rocky

mountain districts. A trough of relatively low pressure extends from Minesota to eastern Texas, but without a well-defined storm-center. The barometer has risen in New England and the middle states; also on the Rocky mountain plateau and slope. It has fallen generally in the central val-

leys.

The temperature is lower in New England and the lower lake region, and higher in the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys. Rain has fallen generally in the Missis-sippi and Ohio valleys, and fair weather has prevailed in other districts. The following heavy precipitation (in

inches) was reported: During the past twenty-four hours—Palestine, 2.46; Little Rock, 1.80.

Generally fair weather with higher temperature is indicated for New England; for the middle Atlantic and east gulf states threatening weather, with rain tonight and 8 a.m., 36 Saturday and rising temperature; and for imum, 33.

the west gulf states clearing weather with

Condition of the Water. Temperature and condition of water at a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 36; condi-tion, 4; receiving reservoir, temperature, 38; condition at north connection, 6; condition at south connection, 3; distributing reservoir, temperature, 38; condition at in-

fluent gate house, 3; effluent gate house, 3 Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 2:35 a.m. and 2:09 p.m. high tide, 7:40 a.m. and 8:03 p.m. Tomorrow-Low tide, 3:21 a.m. and 3:46 p.m.; high tide, 9:18 a.m. and 9:38 p.m. The Sun and Moon.

Sun rises, 7:10; sun sets, 5:17. Moon ises, 7:07 p.m. today; sets, 8:02 a.m. to morrow.

The Bicycle Lamps.

The new police regulations require that all cycles, bicycles and tricycles in motion after dark shall carry a suitable light.

The City Lights. Gas lamps all lighted by 6:30 p.m.; ex tinguishing begun at 5:50 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. If clear less lighting may be or-

dered. Naphtha lamps all lighted by 6:30 p.m. extinguishing begun at 6:14. The naphtha lamps burn fifteen minutes later in the morning than the gas lamps, and the moon schedule does not apply to them. Public are lamps lighted at 6:00 p.m. and extinguished at 6:44 a.m.

Range of the Thermometer. The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today: 8 a.m., 36; 2 p.m., 41; maximum, 42; min-

THE WEATHER FORECASTS BY FLAG SIGNALS. No. 5. WHITE 7 hn. Temperature,9 The Cold wave. Clear or fair weather, Rain or Local rain

Explanation of the Flags. The flags are holsted each day upon the issue of the morning weather map and float until dark They indicate the weather that may be expected during the following thirty-rix hours, but more particularly the last twenty-four hours of that period. They are to be read from the top of the staff downward. If more than one kind of weather is predicted for the period from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. the conditions first named in the forecast will be represented by the uppermost flag. When a warning of a "cold wave" is included in the forecast message, the cold-wave flag will be displayed below the proper weather flag.

The temperature flag, when placed above numbers 1, 2 or 3, indicates warmer weather; when numbers 1, 2 or 3, indicates colder weather; when not displayed, the indications are that

OBJECT.	Estimates for 1897.	Recommended for 1897.	salaries under the Commissioners' es
Wester desertments	101 1551.	101 1001.	mates, divided as follows: Executive office
Health department:	\$40,800.00	\$30,600.00	13; assessors' office, 3; collector's office,
or salaries	120.00	120.00	auditor's office, 1; engineer's office,
enthemical laboratory	1,000.00		plumbing board, 5; sprinkling, sweeping
emoval of garbage	57,000.00		and cleaning, 17; school janitors, 1; Me
revention of scarlet fe-	01,000.00	Test mercens.	ropolitan police, 103; fire department,
ver and diphtheria	13,500.00	5,000.00	telegraph and telephone service, 3; heal
ospital for minor con-			department, 9; for prevention of scar
tagious diseases	49,000.00		fever and diphtheria, 12; Washington As
mbulance for contagious	5.44	222722	lum El maform asharl 2. Washington As
diseases	•••••••	350.00	lum, 5; reform school, 3; Freedmen's Ho pital, 4; girls' reform school, 1; Distri
Total, health de-		**** **** ***	militia, 1; water department, 4.
partment	\$161,420.00	\$93,070.00	NOTES OF A CONTRACT OF THE PARTY OF THE PART
Courts:			DISTRICT CHARITIES.
or salaries	\$19,196.00	\$18,196.99	17740 11700 1170 1170 1170
fiscellaneous	20,800.00	16,900.00	Allegations Made by Ex-Warde
efending suits in claims			Burke as to Certain Institutions.
(in urgent deficiency act		0.000.00	
for 1896)	2,500.00	2,600.00	The House committee on appropriation
Writs of lunacy	2,500.00	2,000.00	remained in session until a late hour la
Total, courts	\$41,996.66	39,093.00	night to wind up a few details of the Di
			tret appropriation bill. While in session
For interest and sinking		** *** *** **	the committee of the co
fund	1,213,947.97	\$1,213,941.91	the committee gave a hearing to ex
	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	Warden Burke to present a protest again
Emergency fund	\$8,000.00	\$0,100.00	the allotment of appropriations to certain
Municipal building	\$100,000.00		sectional charitable institutions,
			Mr. Burke gave testimony as to allege
Reformatories and pris-			abuged in these testimony as to anege
ons:	\$50,000.00	\$45,000.00	abuses in these institutions, and name
Support of convicts	\$50,000.00	410,000.00	first a hospital not mentioned in the Di
ourt house, District of	12,960.00	12,060.00	trict appropriation bill. As it is provide
Columbia	1.800.00		for in any in the second second
Warden of jail	45,000,00		for in another bill, however, the committee
Cransportation of paupers	20,000.00		received his statement. It was to the e
and prisoners	3,500.00	3,500.00	fect that a member of a Grand Army po
Washington Asylum, sal-	A STATE OF THE STA		teet that a member of a Grand Army po
aries	17,608.00	14,415.00	in this city, an ex-captain of the arm
discellaneous expenses	59,800.00	48,000.00	had been sent by his comrades to this ho
Reform School, salaries	18,102,00	15,902.00	nital for treatment A few description
lupport of inmates	26,000.00	26,000.00	pital for treatment. A few days afterwar
Buildings and grounds	2,600.00		when his friends went to inquire about hir
matel soformatories			they were told that he was dead an
Total, reformatories and prisons	\$237,370.00	\$212,577.00	buried. A search of the alleged buri
For support of the insane.		\$104,049.00	place showed that no corpse was there, b
Con cupport of the insane.	5101,013.00	\$101,010.00	later the body was found in the discorting

e committee gave a hearing to ex-Varden Burke to present a protest against he allotment of appropriations to certain ectional charitable institutions, Mr. Burke gave testimony as to alleged buses in these institutions, and named rst a hospital not mentioned in the Dis-

rict appropriation bill. As it is provided or in another bill, however, the committee eceived his statement. It was to the efect that a member of a Grand Army post a this city, an ex-captain of the army, ad been sent by his comrades to this hostal for treatment. A few days afterward. hen his friends went to inquire about him, hey were told that he was dead and uried. A search of the alleged burial face showed that no corpse was there, but later the body was found in the dissecting room of a medical college, minus the head and legs. He said a similar thing occurred n the case of an unfortunate young woman who died at the hospital.

Mr. Burke also stated that a certain sup posedly non-sectarian institution, aided by the pending bill, was under the domination of a particular sect, to the extent of pro nibiting the children from learning to read the Bible. The committee adopted an amendment to he clause regulating electric and gas lights Provided further, That in case such low st responsible bidder be not provided with system of underground pipes for the purpose of conducting gas (or electric light wires) in the streets, roads and alleys to be lighted hereunder, the Commissioners of the District may, under such reasonables conditions as they may proceed by conditions as they may prescribe, authorize such bidder to lay down an approved system of underground pipes for said purpose in and along such streets, roads and al-leys as may be necessary for said service; such privilege as may be granted hereun-der to be revocable at the will of Congress without compensation.

without compensation. Public Danger. To the Editor of The Evening Star:

I wish a few words through the medium of your worthy paper. Our statute books contain the following: "A law regulating the practice of pharmacy in the District of protective foundation. Columbia." It distinctly says "no drug store shall be conducted except under the immediate care of a registered pharmacist." Congress, with the citizens of Washington back of them, realized the necessity of some measure to insure the public protection when the dispensing of medicines and physicians' prescriptions were needed. This good law is now practically dead and buried, notwithstanding the fact that five medical men are appointed by the Commis-sioners to see that the provisions of this act are carried out. A large number of the drug stores of our city are continually left in charge of mere boys in age and experience. Is this right or safe? No. It is exposing a people to all the dangers of an ignorant person in dispensing their medicines. The doctor is liable to tave his prescriptions wrongly compounded thus endangering the precious lives of his patients. I write this are a physicion in order that it may call attention to the danger that hesets the physician and general subjects. besets the physician and general public.

A DOCTOR.

The Public Schools. In The Star's Almanac for 1896, on page 17, will be found interesting information concerning the public schools of the Grand total, including water department. \$7,706,405.22 \$5,417,960.39 District. At all news stands and at The The bill reported shows a decrease of 224 Star office. Price, 25c, copy.

MR. VILAS ON SILVER

Vivid Word Painting of the Terrors of Free Coinage.

DESPOTISM OF WESTERN MINE OWNERS

Danger to Pensioners in the Wild Schemes of Remedy.

ELOQUENCE AND FINANCE

"It will," said Senator Vilas, in his

speech today on the silver bill, "doubtless never be necessary to discuss this bill as it came from the House. But it may be said it deserved its fate-strangled by silver. It was but the fraudulent pretext of response to the exigency which it professed to meet, and to the reasonable sugsnow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of gestions of the President, which it de nied, while it avowed their wisdom. With the exception of provision for emergency certificates-which ought to stand in the permanent statutes-the House bill contained nothing commendable; everything else was but mockery of the legislation demanded by our fiscal conditions. And so again, as a year ago, partisanship or imbecility, or both, has stricken Congress with paralysis, and the rescue of business prosperity from its recurring peril has been thrown upon the executive. It is almost as fortuitous as fortunate that an old statute has remained untouched during our financial madness which can again serve the turn; and although in a clumsy way, when considered with reference to existing conditions and suitable measures of relief, yet it shows God's pity and mercy are not wholly withdrawn from us. Recreancy Charged.

"If," he continued, "any trusted agent in private affairs should so deny duty and abuse trust as Congress did a year ago, twenty-four-page Star: and now repeats, no judgment in his condemnation would be too severe. Over \$16,000,000 in the public debt were then thrown away in the reckless rage of partisanship, and the injury that must now be sustained by the people for the same reason is probably no less, although the exact measure of it is not quite so clear. Then republican management was able to show pretense that but for the populists and free silverites there might have been relief. It was not true then, and this bill has now unmasked the fact by denying under republican dictations the only remedy available to the increased mischief."

Declaring that the b.ll as it came from the House was a mere sham and fraud, Mr.

amendments made it worse than the original measure.
"It was a bad stock," he asserted, "though "It was a bad stock," he asserted, though it has been budded with a warm seion. The best hope is that both will shrivel and die in the desert air of the Senate."

Horror of Horrors.

In the Senate, he said, Midas is the horror of horrors; everything turns to silver. He said he had hitherto concluded that it was the wisest policy to sit quiet and allow the silver advocates to do the talking, as they were in the habit of doing at the

ratio of about 16 to 1, but he had heard it asked why the opponents of free coinage did not justify their faith in debate.

He then proceeded at considerable length to d scuss the free coinage provision of the pending bill, declaring that the financial distress and public misery of the past three years were the direct products of the ef-forts to force silver upon the country. "And," he said, "our course to relief is a return to sound principles." He believed especially that every step of the fatal progress in error had been opposed to the car-dinal doctrines on which the democratic party is based and by which it must abide

or sink in recreancy while the spirit flies rom our institutions of liberty.

He divided the silver advocates into three classes: First, those who were interested in silver mining; second, heavy debtors, and, third, those who believe in the prin-ciple of bimetallism. Of the first class he said that they were few in number, but elegraph and telephone service, 3; health they are few in number, but wonderfully potential; of the second that they might "deserve sympathy if they did not shock it." The third class he regarded as honestly mistaken, and to the regarded as honestly mistaken.

The Silver Despot.

He contended that the silver mine owners were largely responsible for the agitation for free coinage, and after asserting that silver mining was confined to the western states, said the mines were owned by comparatively few people, and largely by corporations, who, by the employment of labor, often make large profit on compara-tively small outlay. The keenest and best-trained intellects, he said, were enlisted by this solid interest, which was possessed of "great strength of numbers and riches, powerful in intelligence, learning and skill keenly perceptive of its special interest, hardy and resolute to seek it." That interest was in to win, to secure the best rice for silver. He declared the people of the Rocky mountains to be subservient to the mine holders.

'The veriest despot of story, the 'Grand Khan' of Tartary, the Great Mogul, never nad more submissive subjects than the silver king of the Rockies, nor was ever tyrant more pitilessly exacting. No independence of thought or speech is tolerated there. No party, no creed, no business, can thrive which dares to doubt in the realm of that monarch, the law of finance as it is in sil er.
"The business man finds it prudent to

say nothing, and as for the politician who dares to flaunt his independence, woe betide him. "Where," he exclaimed, "is that sturdy Senator, the brave, unbending Carey? Where is Dolph, the strong, able and indefatigable? Look on the bloody Moloch of silver to

Silver and Protection. He traced the past legislation in the inter-

learn their fate."

est of silver to the theory of protection, which he characterized as vicious and wicked. The Senator then proceeded to a review not only of silver legislation, but of silver production and silver coinage in the United States, showing that the production was small before the civil war. "Bimetallism is," he said, "a high-sounding, splendid word. If only bimetallism! But alas! What is it and where is it? Like

dreams that wane before the half-shut eye or gay castles in the clouds that pass, forever flitting in the summer sky, always dancing before the vision, always something to be gained, but never realized, the glittering bauble has flitted on afar before the fatuous pursuit on which the public have so long been conducted, yet always to disappear save in the pleasing speech of silver advocates, while the realities of gain could be matched by the other and mastering purpose."

He declared that from the beginning

practical bimetallism had never been pro-posed to Congress. He declared that Sen-ators Teller and Wolcott as champions of silver had based their contentions upon a Danger to Pensioners.

Referring to the claims of the debtor

class, he said that at best they asked to have something taken by law from one class for another class. He claimed that a free coinage law would be especially hard upon pensioners-an unspeakable and unparalleled outrage. Mr. Vilas' peroration was a vivid word picture of democracy, menaced on the one

hand by federalism rejuvenated in the re-publican party, and on the other by that "portentous cloud of a party never known in days of democratic justice, charged with wild, fantastic theories of social disorder should it grow apace, no one can foretell vhat violence of social tempest.' After reciting the glories of the old party

of Jefferson and Jackson the Senator con-cluded: "This party will continue on its great career, yielding neither on one side or the other to the reactionary forces of old absolutism or the lurid fires of anarchy." Against the District.

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chants and Manufacturers' Association at Baltimore last night included Mr. Morton, Secretary of Agriculture: Shinichro Kurino. Japanese minister: ex-Minister Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia, President D. C. Gilman of Johns Hopkins University, Representatives T. C. Catchings of Mississippl, J. P. Dolliver of Iowa, Charles A. Towne of Minnesota, Marriott Brosius of Pennsylvania, J. H. Bromwell of Ohio, Binger Hermann of Oregon, John K. Cowen, Harry Welles Rusk and Chas. E. Coffin of Maryland

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A lecture on Costa Rica will be delivered this evening in Metzerott Music Hall, the

event being the tenth lecture of the course given by the National Geographic Society. The lecturer will be Gen. Richard Villafranca, commissioner general from Costa to the Atlanta exposition. He will streets northeast, the 25th of last August, Emma B. Payne has filed a suit against the District, claiming \$10,000 damages.

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Capt. Symons.

Captain Thomas W. Symons, for several years assistant Engineer Commissioner of the District, and one of the most popular officers ever connected with the District, paid a visit to the District building today and shook hands with his old friends. The captain is now located at Buffalo, and is in Washington with a delegation from that

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